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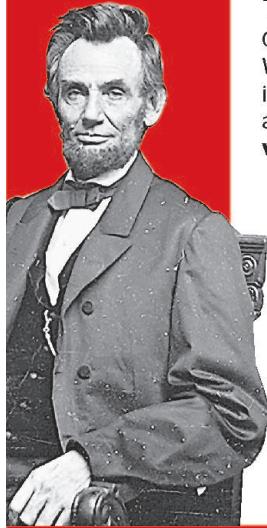
Chicago activists join the march on Washington to seek equal rights for all **6-7**

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To learn

Celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday by viewing "Honest Abe of the West," a free exhibit of his possessions at the Newberry Library (60 W. Walton St.). The exhibit, which opened over the weekend, will run through Feb. 15. Visit www.newberry.org for times and details.

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To download

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To fight

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WEDNESDAY'S WINNING CAPTION

"That must have been one big banana peel."

—Matt Skurski

Lace up, track stars



You want local music talent? She's got it. You want competition? Yep, she's got that too. Every Monday, RedEye columnist/reporter/blogger Kyra Kyles pits tracks by Chicago MCs, singers and rockers against each other in a fight for supremacy—or at least some hard-earned Web respect—then announces the winners on her blog and in the newspaper on Wednesdays. Visit redeyechicago.com/kylesfiles for official Track-off rules and to check out this week's competition.



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TODAY'S FORECAST

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THE MAINE EVENT

Winning couple carry on

Dave and Lacey Castro of Lewiston, Maine, took the crown Saturday in the North American Wife Carrying Championship over a course that featured a muddy water hole and two log obstacles.

In the annual race, a man has to carry a woman, or vice versa, over an obstacle course. As the North American champs, the Castros are eligible to compete in the world championships in Finland next July. Here are some other facts and figures to carry you through your day. AP

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Teams participated

278 yards

Length of course

54.45 seconds

Time it took them

97

pounds

Weight of Lacey Castro

97

pounds

Pounds in beer the couple won

\$485

Cash prize for the winners

11

States represented in the contest

10

Years the event has been held

A new Columbus Day

More complex picture of the explorer emerges in U.S. classrooms for holiday

Associated Press

Jeffrey Kolowith's kindergarten students read a poem about Christopher Columbus, take a journey to the New World on three paper ships and place the explorer's picture on a timeline through history.

Kolowith's students learn about the explorer's significance—though they also come away with a more nuanced picture of Columbus than the noble discoverer often portrayed in pop culture and legend.

"I talk about the situation where he didn't even realize where he was," Kolowith said. "And we talked about how he was very, very mean, very bossy."

Columbus' stature in U.S. classrooms has declined somewhat through the years, and many districts will not observe his namesake holiday on Monday. Although lessons vary, many teachers are trying to present a more balanced perspective of what happened after Columbus reached the Caribbean and the suffering of indigenous populations.

"The whole terminology has changed," said James Kracht, executive associate dean for academic affairs in the Texas A&M College of Education and Human Development. "You don't hear people using the word 'discovery' anymore like they used to. 'Columbus discovers America.' Because how could he discover America if there were already people living here?"

In McDonald, Pa., near Pittsburgh, fourth-grade students at Fort Cherry Elementary put Columbus on trial this year—charging him with misrepresenting the Spanish crown and thievery. They found him guilty and sentenced him to life in prison.

"In their own verbiage, he was a bad guy," teacher Laurie Crawford said.

Of course, the perspective given varies across classrooms and grades. Donna Sabis-Burns, a team leader with the U.S. Department of Education's School Support and Technology Program, surveyed



Despite controversy, Columbus re-enactments remain popular. Here, Niña crew member Vic Bickel checks on the Pinta, which trailed behind along the Ohio River as they sailed into Cincinnati last month. The replicas of two ships that Columbus used on his 1492 voyage, the Niña and the Pinta, came from Rising Sun, Ind. AP

TODAY IN CHICAGO

- » Chicago public schools, most courts are closed.
- » There is no mail delivery.
- » Most banks are closed.
- » CTA, Pace, Metra on regular weekday schedules.

teachers nationwide about the Columbus reading materials they used in class for her University of Florida dissertation. She examined 62 picture books,

and found the majority were outdated and contained inaccurate—and sometimes outright demeaning—depictions of the native Taino population.

The day is an especially sensitive issue in places with larger native American populations.

"We have a very large Alaska native population, so just the whole Columbus being the founder of the U.S. doesn't sit well with a lot of people, myself included," said Paul Prussing, deputy director of Alaska's Division of Teaching and Learning Support.

Smart grid gets island test in Maui resort area

Associated Press

A 4-square-mile patch of Maui in the nation's most fossil-fuel dependent state soon will be home to a new kind of power grid, one that saves energy by turning off household appliances when electricity is expensive and makes better use of wind and solar power.

General Electric recently announced it would test its "smart grid" technology in the luxury resort community of Wailea, hoping to reduce peak electricity consumption there by 15 percent by 2012.

Planners envision installing a new kind of power meter in homes—a wall-based unit that can monitor how much electricity is being used by various appli-

FEELING SMART

There are about 70 smart grid pilots nationwide, including Miami, Seattle, Houston and Boulder, Colo. But Wailea is one of the only resort communities where the test is being conducted.

ances and turn them off when it's most expensive. The project also would upgrade the utility's computer systems so that it can integrate more renewable energy.

"There's a lot of opportunities for us to improve our knowledge of what's using power, and making it easier for us to shut off the power when we're not

around," said Bob Gilligan, vice president for transmission at GE Energy. "Most consumers aren't really aware of how much energy they're using at any time of day."

For example, if customers knew what times electricity was most expensive, they could automatically adjust air conditioning and refrigerator temperatures, or they could choose to delay turning on the dishwasher until power demand drops.

Located on the slopes of Haleakala, Wailea was chosen for the smart grid because rapid construction growth in the area and its isolation make it a fertile testing ground, said Peter Rosegg, spokesman for Hawaiian Electric Co.

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The new Facebook support network

Last week, some Facebook users were going out of their mind with frustration and boredom after being unable to log in to their accounts for several days.

What's worse is that Facebook took a long time to acknowledge the problem. I posted about it on RedEye's blog and soon people from all over the world were commenting on their inability to poke former high school classmates, go to Farmville and send out annoying notes about Mafia Wars.

One commenter on that post, Katie, wrote: "Hi, my name is Katie and it's been 5-days since I was able to log-on to facebook (we need to start a support group.)"

Indeed we do. So how about this? If you absolutely must have your Facebook fix and it's not possible, here are five things you can do to pass the time.

1. Actually poke your co-workers. Use your finger.
2. Go from office to office and decline and accept friend requests for real.
3. Preface every sentence with: "Here's what's on my mind."
4. Gently remind everyone about that time you had 1,046 friends but you can't remember all of their names. Or if you do remember, recite them to someone who will listen.
5. Stalk people on Twitter.

What's your secret for handling life without Facebook? Tweet me, poke me (if you can)—just tell me.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

(Conan, if your Facebook goes down you can join our support group)

@yowhatsthehaps

I can't figure out how to conjugate this particular verb: Are you Wang Chunging, or Wanging Chung? English is tricky.

THE BUZZ

Offline!

Here's something you hate to see. According to a new survey, more than 54 percent of chief information officers interviewed said their firms don't allow employees on social networking Web sites at all while at work. The survey of more than 1,400 CIOs was developed by Robert Half Technology, a leading provider of IT professionals.

Here's how it broke down:

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Men's Health

'We're going to give them hell'

In D.C. and Chicago, locals show up for gay rights event

By Alexia Elejalde-Ruiz

REDEYE

As the sun came up Sunday somewhere in Pennsylvania, 20-year-old gay rights activist Megan Tucker stood before a busload of groggy Chicagoans and announced disappointing news.

One of the four buses with Tucker's group making the 14-hour trip to the National Equality March in Washington, D.C., had broken down near Toledo, Ohio, and had to turn back.

"This is our war. We have lost a quarter of our comrades," Tucker said. Several of the key organizers were on that bus, along with most of the posters and signs they'd made for the march.

Tucker said the group would have to fight extra hard to make up for the loss. "We're going to give them hell."

Later that afternoon, with its numbers down to 160 from 212, the members of the Chicago contingent of Join the Impact, a grassroots gay rights activist group, hollered into bullhorns under a 16-foot banner as they marched through downtown D.C. with several thousand others to demand full equal rights for gays, lesbians and transgender people.

"We're here. We're queer. We're fabulous, don't [bleep] with us," the Chicagoans chanted as they marched 2.3 miles to the Capitol for a rally.

Capitol police declined to provide a crowd estimate, but it appeared several thousand marchers filled about ten blocks. Organizers said there were 200,000 to 250,000 people. It was the fifth national gay rights march since the first in 1979 drew some 75,000 people. Since then, marches in 1987, 1993 and 2000 have drawn up to 500,000.

Disagreement within the gay community about whether the march was a wise use of time, energy and resources had left some concerned that turnout would be weak. Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), the first openly gay U.S. congressman, on Friday called the march "a waste of time at best."

Equality Federation, a national alliance of state equality groups, did not endorse the march because "we need to keep our resources going to specific outcomes," said executive director



Lady Gaga speaks to the crowd Sunday during the National Equality March in Washington, D.C.

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Toni Broaddus.

But marchers Sunday said they were thrilled with the energy and turnout.

"The numbers will be noticed. They can't not be noticed," said Jacob Meister, 44, of Bucktown, who is running for the U.S. Senate seat formerly held by President Obama and hopes to be the first openly gay senator.

Said Sidney Stokes, 22, president of Columbia College's LGBT group Common Ground: "I'm hoarse, I'm tired, I'm hungry. And I would do it all again, right now."

Among the approximately 50 speakers at the rally was Lady Gaga, who said as she took the podium that "this is the single most important

moment of my career."

"They say that this country is free, and they say that this country is equal, but it's not equal if it's only sometimes," Lady Gaga said. She concluded: "Bless God and bless the gays."

Chicagoans who made the journey to Washington said they hoped the march would show the solidarity behind the LGBT community's equal rights cause and demonstrate its displeasure with what they say are empty promises of change.

"It's like the [1960s] Freedom Rides [for racial equality]," said Bella Mia, 20, a Columbia College student who said she was riding the bus to the march to support her gay friends. "I think gay rights are the great civil rights cause of the here and now."

Others also had more personal reasons for marching.

Bradley Baker, 31, and Matthew Powell, 47, said they got married in California a year ago, and they want it recognized in Illinois so they can have benefits, like tax breaks, that heterosexual married couples do.

"We don't want to leave Chicago, but our five-year plan includes moving to New York so our marriage can be recognized," said Baker, who lives with Powell in Edgewater.

Ryne Poelker, 18, said he was the first person to come out at his high school in a small town in Downstate Illinois, and he experienced harassment, vandalism and assault.

"To me, this is just about making sure no other child has to go through that," said Poelker, a freshman at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Without a large organization planning it, the march rose from the grassroots. "It's time for the torch to be passed," long-time gay rights activist Jerry Pritikin, 72, who lives on the Near North Side and was one of the marchers on the broken down bus that had to turn back to Chicago, said before the event.

"The future is in good hands, and it's going in the right direction," said Pritikin. "It's not making enemies, it's making friends."

Rick Garcia, public policy director with LGBT advocacy group Equality Illinois, said he's been to every national gay rights march since the first one in 1979, and felt this year's

Aaron Pfeiffer (center) shouts with Megan Tucker (right), both of Chicago, during the National Equality March on Sunday in Washington D.C. CHASE AGNELLO-DEAN/REDEYE



had the clearest goal: to demand full equal rights under civil law.

Garcia, who flew to Washington, said before the event he was disappointed that the march wasn't on more people's radars, and questioned the effectiveness of chanting to empty buildings on a Sunday over Columbus Day weekend.

But he expected the march would give a "boost" to LGBT activists and energize a new generation of leaders to get to work when they get home.

"I was in college in 1979," Garcia said, "and if I didn't march on Washington then, I don't know if I would have been the activist I am today."



Update on the issues

RedEye spoke with Toni Broaddus, executive director of Equality Federation, and Rick Garcia, policy director at Equality Illinois, for an update on some of the issues in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Same-sex marriage is legal in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire. Rhode Island, New York and the District of Columbia honor same-sex marriages performed in other states. In Maine, a referendum to repeal the same-sex marriage law will appear in November. In Washington state, a November referendum seeks to overturn domestic partnership rights. Nationally, House representatives have introduced the Respect for Marriage Act, which aims to repeal the definition of marriage as between a man and a woman under federal law. In Illinois, a same-sex marriage bill was introduced this month in the state Senate.



DISCRIMINATION

Twenty-one states plus D.C. cover sexual orientation in their nondiscrimination laws, Broaddus said. In eight of those states, transgender people are not covered. Ohio is poised to pass a law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, Broaddus said. Federally, the Employment Nondiscrimination Act, covering sexual orientation and gender identity, was introduced in Congress this summer. In Illinois, the Human Rights Act prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.



HATE CRIMES

The House last week approved the Matthew Shepard Act, named after the gay Wyoming teen who was beaten to death 11 years ago, which would expand the definition of federal hate crimes to include sexual orientation and gender identity. Of the 45 states (plus D.C.) that have hate crimes legislation, 18 cover sexual orientation, while 12 states and D.C. cover both sexual orientation and gender identity, Broaddus said. Fifteen states don't mention LGBT in their hate crimes laws and five states don't have hate crimes laws at all, she said. Illinois' hate crimes law covers sexual orientation but not gender identity.



GAYS IN THE MILITARY

President Obama pledged to end the ban on homosexuals serving openly in the military in a speech Saturday to the Human Rights Campaign. The Military Readiness Enhancement Act, introduced in the House in March, would repeal the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy that was enacted by Congress in 1993 and replace it with a policy of nondiscrimination based on sexual orientation. More than 13,500 service members have been discharged under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" since 1994, according to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network.



Michael Albert, of Chicago, in Daley Plaza on Sunday. MICHAEL TERCHA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Solidarity in Chicago

After cheering on the marathon runners Sunday morning with hundreds of other Boystown residents, I was filled with a renewed sense of pride and community.

I carried that feeling with me to the Chicago Rally of the National Equality March in Daley Plaza — a demand for equal rights for the LGBT community that coincided simultaneously with one in Washington, D.C. When I first arrived at Daley Plaza there were more pigeons than people under the Picasso, but as we neared the 1 p.m. start time, the plaza filled up with hundreds of supporters braving the cold to show that gays too should be counted as equal citizens.

It moved me not only as a gay man but as a human being as I heard powerful speeches of hope and progress. I left with a hope that someday soon we all will be treated equally and fairly. As one speaker stated, "we have only just begun to win!" BOY ON BOYSTOWN COLUMNIST

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A resume to remember

Chicago Tribune

Like many epic journeys, it began in boredom—a dead-end office job at a bio-research firm in Skokie.

"I was staring out the window wondering what the hell I'm doing," said 27-year-old Daniel Seddiqui, a California native.

He wanted adventure. He needed a job. So he hatched a plan: work a different job in a different state every week for nearly a year. He cold-called companies throughout the land, relying on ingenuity, networking and luck to get hired for one-week stints. He estimated that 100 companies a state rejected him.

First came a gig for the Mormon church in Utah in September 2008. Last came a week as a cellar master at a winery in Napa, Calif. last month. He'll move back to Skokie soon to write a book and update his resume. Here's a quick rundown of his jobs, in the form of superlatives:

» **Hardest:** Making cheese in Wisconsin. "Try bending over the vats, shoveling out 40 pounds of cheese for two hours straight. It's back-breaking work."

» **Sleaziest:** Working at a wedding chapel in Las Vegas. "People were getting married for 50 bucks at the drive-through. They'd ask me what date it was—on their own wedding day!"

» **Most fulfilling:** Dietitian in Mississippi.

» **Worst bathroom:** Coal mining in West Virginia. "We just went on the walls of the mine and you see the coal eroding."

» **Worst boss:** Film company executives in L.A. "They treated me like garbage. I quit after the first day."

» **Most revealing of local culture:** Coaching high-school football in Alabama.

» **Most dangerous:** Border Patrol in Arizona. "A lot of people throw rocks at agents."

» **Most lucrative:** Medical device manufacturing at Metal Craft in Minnesota. "I made \$2,000—they gave me extra for marketing. I got them on CNN."

» **Best boss:** A landscape architect in New Mexico.

» **Dirtiest:** Oil refinery in Oklahoma.

Heart problem contributes to swine flu death

Officials in Naperville say a 14-year-old girl whose death has been linked to swine flu also had an undiagnosed heart condition. Michelle Fahle, a Naperville North High School student, died Thursday. The DuPage County coroner's office said Saturday that she had both the virus and a serious heart condition that "strongly contributed" to her death. Fahle's death would bring the state's total swine flu deaths to 20.

Woman says CTA driver ignored her after attack

Chicago Tribune

For Felicita Torres, the horror of having a street vendor wave some sort of chemical in her face on a CTA bus nearly two weeks ago was intensified by her bus driver's lack of response.

After staggering to the front of her inbound No. 62 Archer bus and telling the driver what she thought happened, the disoriented accounts-receivable clerk said the driver curtly replied, "That's between you and him. I have nothing to do with it," and refused to call the police.

When Torres encountered the same bus driver the next morning, she said, she mentioned the incident, wondering if the chemical she'd inhaled made her misjudge the bus driver's words. But Torres said she was stunned yet again when he repeated them.

"I was pretty much appalled by it," she said.

CTA officials said they are aware of the Sept. 28 incident and are investigating.

Torres was on the bus headed to work about 8:15 a.m. sitting near the rear of the nearly empty bus when the offender boarded the bus and sat just ahead of her. The offender turned toward her and tried selling CDs. But she wasn't interested.

"I have something for you, mami," the offender told Torres, reaching into a backpack and pulling out a CD case covered with a paper towel.

Immediately after grabbing the CD case that the offender waved in her face, Torres said she became lightheaded and woozy.

"I'm 5-9 ... I'm not a tiny, little person, I just felt like it was hard for me to get up, hard for me to move—I felt vulnerable," she said.

Torres summoned her remaining strength to walk to the front of the bus to get help, but



Felicita Torres had a chemical waved in her face by a stranger on a number 62 CTA bus while coming to work at her downtown job on September 28. She told the bus driver about the attack right after it happened, but he refused to do anything.

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said she received no help from her driver.

"I know it's not his fault what happened to me, but I feel like calling the police when I asked him to call the police ... That was the least that you can do. Call 911," she said.

After the offender fled the bus, Torres said she got off the bus several blocks away and alerted police. No arrests have been made.

She went to a local hospital to be checked out, and a doctor told her she likely had come into contact with the chemical compound ether, but suffered no lasting effects, she said.

It wasn't clear whether the unidentified driver was still on his route or whether bus cameras may have captured the incident.

CTA RESPONSE

In a statement, CTA officials said they are trying to determine whether the driver in the incident followed CTA procedures, but added that drivers are supposed to render aid to distressed passengers.

"CTA personnel are instructed to ask the individual to stop the offending behavior. If the individual does not stop their behavior or if there is a physical threat to another customer, personnel should immediately contact CTA's Control Center to summon assistance and for instructions on how to proceed," the statement said.

Man arrested in purse snatchings

A 43-year-old man from the West Side has been charged with robbery in two separate strong-arm incidents on the Near North Side on Saturday morning, police said Sunday. Just after 11 a.m. two women, ages 59 and 27, had their purses snatched by a man who then got in a vehicle and drove away. One incident occurred on North Clark Street, the other on West Maple Street, police said.

Child dies in West Side fire

An overloaded electrical socket is to blame for a fire that killed a 2-year-old girl Friday night in a West Side apartment building where her cousins lived, officials said. Authorities received a call about a two-story building on fire in the 2900 block of West Lexington Street in East Garfield Park, said Chicago Fire Department Cmdr. Will Knight. Jayla Ray, 2, of the 1100 block of South Francisco Avenue, died later at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

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1 'Everybody's Regatta'

Look at all those boats! About 1,800 sail boats took part Sunday in the 41st edition of the traditional "Barcolana" regatta in the gulf of Trieste, Italy. AP PHOTO

2 Band trip crash

A bus carrying a celebrated Utah high school band swerved off an interstate in Inkom, Idaho, and crashed on its side, killing an instructor and injuring some students, police and a school official said.

3 Bar battle

A wild gunfight involving at least five gunmen sent patrons fleeing from a Toledo, Ohio, bar, but police say no one was injured.

4 Senior robbery

A man in his 70s has robbed a bank branch inside a San Diego supermarket. Investigators say the suspect may be responsible for similar robberies, including one where a man with a similar description was reportedly carrying an oxygen tank.

5 Bloody seige

Pakistani commandos freed dozens of hostages seized by militants at the army's own headquarters Sunday in Rawalpindi, ending a deadly, 22-hour drama. At least 19 people died in the standoff, including three captives and eight of the militants.

6 Storm rescue

U.S. Marine CH-46 helicopters loaded with rice, sardines and drinking water flew Sunday into the stricken Philippine mountain city of Baguio, where supplies are running short after landslides triggered by a storm blocked roads and buried dozens of residents.

7 Iraqi bombings

A spate of car bombings killed 19 people Sunday in Iraq's western Anbar province, once a hotbed of insurgency that later became a showcase for restoring peace.

Mother of Columbine killer breaks silence

8 DENVER In the first detailed public remarks by any parent of the two Columbine killers, Dylan Klebold's mother says she had no idea her son was suicidal until she read his journals after the 1999 high school massacre.

Susan Klebold's essay in next month's issue of *O, The Oprah Magazine*, says she is still struggling to make sense of what happened when her son and Eric Harris killed 12 students and a teacher in the shooting rampage at Columbine High School in suburban Denver. Twenty-one people were injured before Klebold and Harris killed themselves.

"For the rest of my life, I will be haunted



Dylan Klebold

by the horror and anguish Dylan caused," she wrote. "I cannot look at a child in a grocery store or on the street without thinking about how my son's schoolmates spent the last moments of their lives. Dylan changed everything I believed about myself, about God, about family, and about love."

The killers' parents have repeatedly declined to talk about the massacre. They gave depositions in a lawsuit filed by families of the victims, but a judge in 2007 sealed them for 20 years after the lawsuit was settled out of court.

In her essay, Susan Klebold wrote that she didn't know her son was so disturbed.

"Dylan's participation in the massacre was impossible for me to accept until I began to connect it to his own death," she wrote in excerpts released by the magazine ahead of Tuesday's publication. "Once I saw his journals, it was clear to me that Dylan entered the school with the intention of dying there. And so in order to understand what he might have been thinking, I started to learn all I could about suicide."



Trash, trash everywhere

10 Workers sort garbage at a trash recycling center in Beijing. Garbage is piling up everywhere in China, posing problems for public health and people's livelihoods in a less savory measure of the country's rapid burst from poverty to prosperity. AP

Family looks for answers in sauna deaths

9 PRESCOTT, Ariz. A 38-year-old New York woman who died after sitting in a sauna-like sweat lodge at a scenic Arizona resort was an avid surfer and hiker who was "in top shape," took self-improvement seriously and had a passion for art, a family spokesman said.

Kirby Brown of Westtown, N.Y., was one of two people who died Thursday evening after being overcome in the crudely built hut during a spiritual cleansing ceremony.

Authorities on Saturday identified the other victim as 40-year-old James Shore of Milwaukee, who served as director of business development at an Internet marketing company in his hometown.

Nineteen other people were taken to hospitals, suffering from burns, dehydration, respiratory arrest, kidney failure or elevated body temperature. Most were soon released, but one remained in critical condition Saturday.

Brown had no pre-existing health conditions that would have kept her from participating in an otherwise safe activity, said cousin and family spokesman Tom McFeeley. That two people died and 19 others became ill at the Angel Valley Retreat Center indicates that "something went horribly wrong."

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BROKEN RECORD

Chicago Marathon winner gets \$100,000 bonus for setting new course record

Chicago Tribune

You could see Samuel Wanjiru waving his hands in an effort to make the last remaining pace-maker move faster in the final half of the race.

That didn't work.

Wanjiru soon knew his chances for a world record were gone because of the effort he had to expend running at the lead into a cold wind, so he settled for a figurative goodbye wave to the two rivals still abreast of him with four miles to go.

That worked, as a pair of surges put Wanjiru in command.

And then, with the race well in hand, the young Kenyan nearly kissed a lot of money goodbye by waving to the crowd with each hand during his final strides before the finish line in Sunday's Bank of America Chicago Marathon.

There was a \$100,000 bonus for breaking the course record. Wanjiru did not know what the record was or how much it was worth.

All that work, and the last second would be worth the most. Wanjiru beat Khalid Khannouchi's 10-year-old record by one second with a time of 2 hours, 5 minutes, 41 seconds.

"I would have appreciated it if you were one second slower, Sammy," race director Carey Pinkowski joked.

A second slower, and Wanjiru hardly would have gone home empty-handed. He made \$75,000 for winning and would still have received \$75,000 for a time better than the third fastest in Chicago history (2:05:56) that did not break the course record.

"I was very happy to see I was the winner," Wanjiru said of his celebratory waves. "It is unbelievable to take \$100,000 for one second."

Wanjiru finished 23 seconds ahead of Abderrahim Goumri of Morocco (2:06:04), who had been 30 seconds behind the top three

THE WINNERS



Samuel Wanjiru,
men's winner



Liliya Shobukhova,
women's winner

with four miles to go but moved up inexorably for his fourth runner-up finish in a major invitational marathon. Vincent Kipruto of Kenya (2:06:08) was third.

Sergio Reyes of Palmdale, Calif., was the first U.S. finisher, a distant eighth in 2:15:30.

Women

Russia's Liliya Shobukhova, who finished third at the London Marathon earlier this year, was a winner in her second marathon and finished all alone in 2:25:56. London winner Irina Mikitenko of Germany (2:26:31) finished second to clinch the 2008-09 World Marathon Majors championship, and defending champion Lidiya Grigoryeva of Russia was third (2:26:47).

American Deena Kastor, the Chicago winner in 2005, placed sixth (2:28:50) in her first marathon since breaking her right foot in the Beijing Olympics.

"It's very exciting," the 31-year-old Shobukhova said. "It's a great surprise for me."

It was an emotional day for Mikitenko.

The two-time London Marathon cham-



pion pulled out of the world championship in Germany in August after her father died. With her mother celebrating a birthday Sunday, she turned in a solid performance that came up just short of Shobukhova.

So did Kastor, who is trying to re-establish herself at 36 and set a course toward the 2012 London Olympics—something she might not be doing had things gone better in Beijing.

"I feel really good about where I am right now," said Kastor, the bronze medalist at the 2004 Athens Games. "My day fell a little short, but I'm still pretty ecstatic by how my body has held up and how strong I've gotten over the past few months."

Wheelchair division

Tatyana McFadden's entry in Sunday's Chicago Marathon women's wheelchair division was originally intended as a training exercise.

But the 20-year-old University of Illinois sophomore might consider more marathons after winning in 1 hour, 50 minutes, 47 seconds on her first try.

"I really wanted to build a good distance foundation for the 800, and I'm thinking of adding the 1,500 for the Pan-Olympic games," said McFadden, already an accomplished wheelchair sprinter. "So I thought training for a marathon would help me in the long run for that."

McFadden edged four other racers in a final



Spectators bundle up at the Chicago Marathon.

JOSE M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE

Runners get the cold shoulder

Chicago Tribune

Hats, gloves and layers were the order of the day for runners at the start of Sunday's Chicago Marathon.

But not for long.

Many runners discarded cold-weather gear even as they approached the Columbus Drive start despite a temperature of 33 degrees with light breezes and scattered clouds.

"A lot of this is going to get thrown away," said John Bigane, a 32-year-old Chicagoan wearing a Loyola University sweatshirt atop other layers. "I started with jeans and two other layers and it's going away quick."

It was the coldest start since a 33-degree low in 2002 and a far cry from 2007, when temperatures soared into the upper-80s and officials canceled the marathon after 3 1/2 hours.

Lidiya Grigoryeva, who finished third, didn't expect frigid temperatures.

"Russians like hot weather," she said through an interpreter.

By 8 a.m., Columbus Drive was littered with discarded warm-ups and other clothes as scavengers searched through the piles ahead of cleanup crews.

"We'll probably capture about 20,000 garments, and we'll donate them to the Pacific Garden Mission," race director Carey Pinkowski said.

The cold didn't faze Matt Brisbois, a 20-year-old University of Minnesota student. He ran bare-chested.

"This is how I always run," said Brisbois, participating in his second marathon. "This doesn't bother me."



Team Outlaw, a running group, takes a Bloody Mary break. NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE

sprint, including a 2-second victory over runners-up Diane Roy and Amanda McGrory.

Among men's racers, Australian Kurt Fearnley claimed his third straight Chicago men's title in 1:29.09.

"I was pretty much on target for what I was expecting," said Fearnley, a two-time Paralympic Games world champion and the reigning wheelchair marathon champ in London and New York. "The cold made it a bit tougher, but I was happy with the result."

American Chris Ayres won the hand cycle division in 1:32.43 while Melynda Baker claimed the women's crown in 2:34.48. AP CONTRIBUTED

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■ I Can Do Bad (PG-13) 11:05, 12:05, 1:40, 2:40, 4:15, 5:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15, 10:15
■ AMC Select Good Hair (PG-13) 11:55, 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30
■ Couples Retreat (PG-13) 11:25, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
■ AMC Select From Mexico (PG-13) 11:45, 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
■ Invention-Lying (PG-13) 1:10, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:25
■ Zombieland (R) 11:00, 12:15, 1:10, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:40, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15
■ Surrogates (PG-13) 11:40, 1:40, 5:00, 6:10, 8:15, 10:30
■ Cloudy-Mtballs (PG) 11:00, 1:15, 3:40, 5:50, 8:00, 10:15
■ Jennifer's Body (R) 11:35, 4:25, 9:45
■ Final Destination (R) 11:15, 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20

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■ Couples Retreat (PG-13) ★ 10:40, 11:15, 12:30, 1:30, 2:10, 3:50, 4:30, 5:10, 6:40, 7:20, 8:00, 9:20, 10:10, 11:00
■ Free Style (PG) ★ 11:45, 2:20, 4:55, 7:50, 10:25
■ Good Hair (PG-13) ★ 11:30, 1:50, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40
■ Paranormal Act (R) ★ 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 12:15, 12:45, 1:20, 2:30, 3:10, 4:45, 5:30, 6:15, 7:15, 7:45, 8:30, 9:30, 10:00, 10:45
■ Toy Story/Toy Story 2 3D (NR) ★ 10:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
■ Capitalism-Lv (R) ★ 12:10, 3:15, 6:10, 9:10
■ Invention-Lying (PG-13) ★ 11:20, 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05
■ Whip It (PG-13) ★ 10:10, 12:20, 4:00, 6:50, 9:50
■ Zombieland (R) ★ 10:55, 12:20, 1:15, 2:20, 3:45, 4:40, 6:05, 7:00, 8:20, 9:15, 10:35
■ Fame (PG) 9:00 P.M.
■ Surrogates (PG-13) 10:15, 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 10:30
■ Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) 10:20, 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 9:55

G - General audience **PG** - Parental guidance suggested
PG-13 - Parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13
R - Restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian
NC-17 - No one 17 and under admitted

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES) (continued)

■ Cloudy-Mtballs (PG) 10:45, 1:10, 3:30, 6:20
■ The Informant! (R) 11:10, 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:45

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641
■ Couples Retreat (PG-13) ★ 10:20, 11:20, 12:30, 1:30, 2:20, 3:30, 4:15, 5:10, 6:30, 7:10, 8:00, 9:30, 10:45
■ Toy Story/Toy Story 2 3D (NR) ★ 10:30, 2:15, 6:00, 9:45
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■ Surrogates (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05
■ Cloudy-Mtballs (PG) 10:00, 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
■ Love Happens (PG-13) 10:10, 1:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00, 9:50
■ The Informant! (R) 10:50, 1:45, 4:45, 7:15, 10:15
■ Inglourious (R) 11:50, 3:20, 6:50, 10:10

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1646
■ Couples Retreat (PG-13) ★ 10:40, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
■ From Mexico (PG-13) ★ 11:50, 2:30, 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
■ Good Hair (PG-13) ★ 10:20, 11:40, 1:00, 2:00, 3:40, 5:10, 6:30, 7:50, 9:00, 10:20
■ Toy Story/Toy Story 2 3D (NR) ★ 11:30, 3:15, 7:00
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■ Whip It (PG-13) ★ 11:00, 1:10, 2:00, 4:20, 7:15, 9:30
■ Zombieland (R) ★ 10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 1:15, 2:20, 4:30, 4:55, 6:00, 7:20, 8:20, 9:40, 10:40
■ Fame (PG) 10:10, 2:20, 5:40, 6:45, 9:20
■ Pandorum (R) 10:30, 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
■ Providence (PG) 11:45, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00
■ Surrogates (PG-13) 11:10, 2:20, 4:20, 7:15, 9:30
■ Cloudy-Mtballs (PG) 11:20, 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
■ I Can Do Bad (PG-13) 11:15, 2:15, 4:50, 7:40, 10:15

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CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

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■ Couples Retreat (PG-13) ★ 10:10, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
■ Free Style (PG) ★ 11:45, 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

■ From Mexico (PG-13) ★ 10:15, 2:30, 4:55, 6:30, 7:00, 8:45, 10:05
■ Good Hair (PG-13) ★ 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 6:45, 9:20
■ Toy Story/Toy Story 2 3D (NR) ★ 11:30, 3:15, 7:00
■ Invention-Lying (PG-13) ★ 10:50, 1:30, 4:10, 6:40, 9:15
■ Whip It (PG-13) ★ 11:00, 1:10, 2:00, 4:20, 7:15, 9:30
■ Zombieland (R) ★ 11:35, 1:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:50
■ The Informant! (R) 11:30, 2:05, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20
■ Invention-Lying (PG-13) ★ 11:55, 2:25, 4:50, 7:25, 9:50
■ Toy Story 2 (G) ★ 11:40, 3:50, 8:00
■ Toy Story 2 3D (NR) ★ 11:30, 3:15, 7:00
■ Invention-Lying (PG-13) ★ 10:50, 1:30, 4:15, 6:40, 9:15

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Bye for MVP ...

Catch Marc Silverman on "Waddle & Silvy" from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays on ESPN's WMVP (1000-AM). Play along at redeyechicago.com/5on5.



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1 Even during their bye week, the Bears still won because no one left their Lamborghini on the Edens.	... they have nothing to do with this "Black Jack Taco" ad for Taco Bell.	... not getting swept by the Dodgers counts as a win in Chicago these days.	... Jay Cutler's bye week performance was still better than the movie "Couples Retreat."	... they didn't lose.
2 How big of a problem is Minnesota gonna be for the Bears this season?	They might end up being their last problem when they meet in the playoffs.	It's looking like their Battle of the Bulge, and by that I mean Minnesota has a lot of big people.	Remember Mr. T. in "Rocky III"? Yeah, that big.	Big. Mayor Daley has assured the Bears they have enough to win the NFC North bid.	I've got a special brick just waiting for my TV screen when they meet.
3 How do you feel about Kyle Orton now?	A ridiculous receiver like Brandon Marshall can make anyone look good. Right, Kyle?	Total paper tiger. Correction: paper alley cat.	The guy is so lucky he must own options in rabbit's feet.	Give him the Nobel piece of crap uniform prize. Brown and yellow? Matches Elliott's underwear, I bet.	He's still an amateur—at growing beards.
4 How did Cubs fans celebrate St. Louis' sweep out of the playoffs?	They doubled up by watching the Rams get crushed by Favre and Minnesota.	They dropped faster than a sinking fly ball to left. ... Too soon?	I twitted "Mark DeRosa = O-6" all night!	With St. Louis-style jean shorts and sleeveless shirts. No fan base can celebrate a loss better than Cubs fans.	Same way they celebrate their own losses: Beer, beer and more beer.
5 What Chicago athlete would you like to see run the marathon?	Patrick Kane. Let's see how he does off the ice—and not in a cab.	Bears ball boy Darryl MaGee, but only if Johnny Knox is his pace car.	Insert Milton Bradley-running-out-of-town joke here.	Milton Bradley. Run Milton run! Straight to Tampa. Or to Detroit. Or to San Diego. Or to ...	Anyone who Ozzie Guillen is chasing.

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Fab 40

ST. LOUIS Another first for Brett Favre.

The ageless 40-year-old Minnesota quarterback threw for 232 yards and a touchdown a day after a milestone birthday, leading the undefeated Vikings to a 38-10 rout over the hapless and helpless Rams on Sunday.

Now Favre is 5-0 for the first time in his career.

"I hope there's many more to come," Favre said. "I'd be lying if I said I thought I'd still be playing at 40 and not miss a game at this point. I just hope I can lead this team to bigger and better things."

It's a good start.

The Vikings are 5-0 for the first time in six years by winning last-second games, emotional games, games they were supposed to win.

Against the Rams, they simply overwhelmed an overmatched opponent.

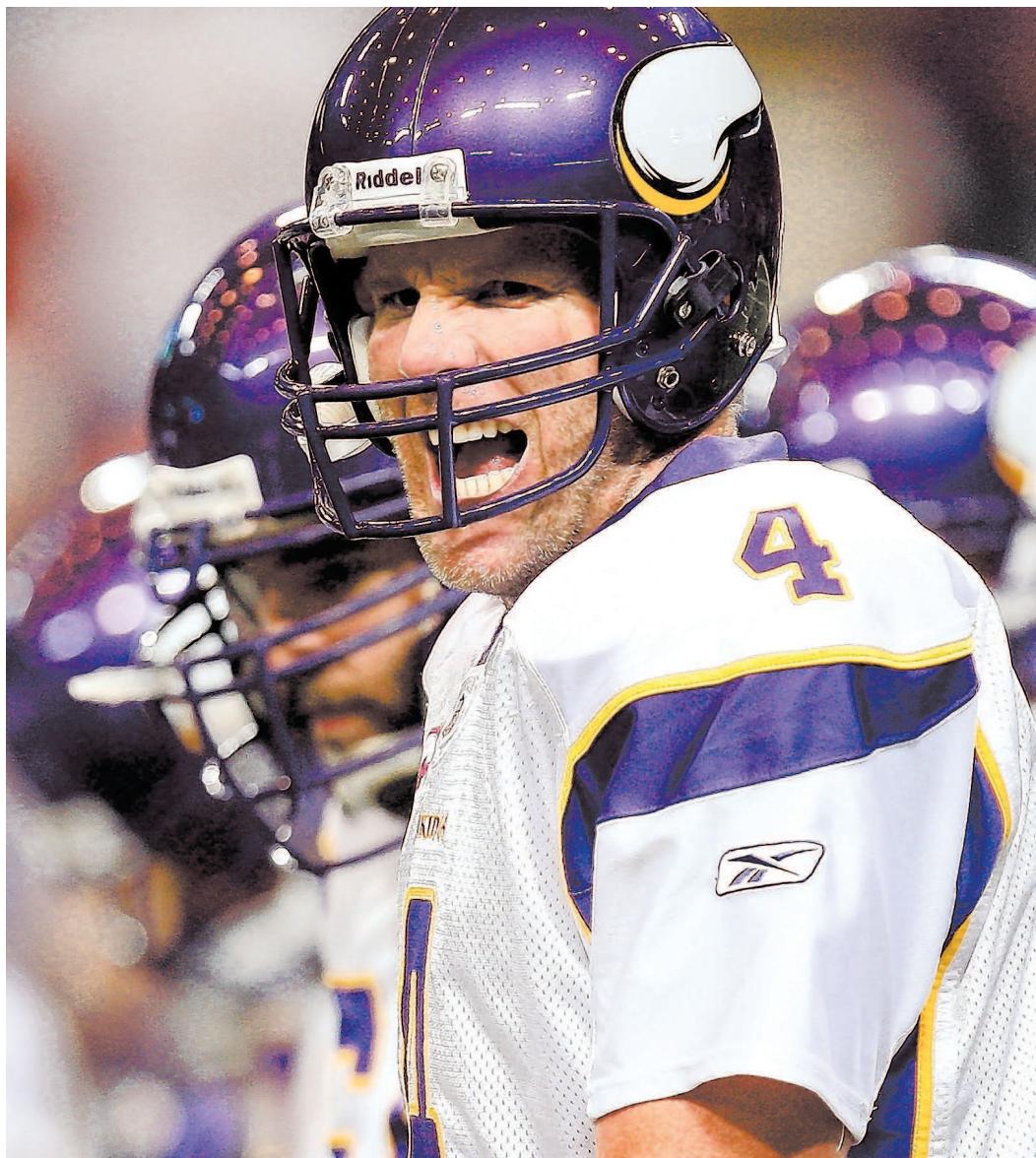
Minnesota led 14-0 by the midpoint of the first quarter, let up a bit, then methodically wore down St. Louis. Jared Allen returned one of his two fumble recoveries 52 yards for a touchdown, Adrian Peterson rumbled in for a pair of touchdowns and the Vikings forced four turnovers for their 400th win (400-322-9).

"We think we're a good football team," Allen said. "The worst we can finish now is 5-11."

Favre finished 18 for 24 with one interception and seems to be getting more comfortable with his receivers.

"It's a work in progress," Vikings coach Brad Childress said. "It's going to be still until we get done playing this year. I just see him getting incrementally better."

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Brett Favre during warm-ups before the game against St. Louis. **GETTY IMAGES**



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Even when the Bears are off, they lose thanks to the Vikings juggernaut. Gives new meaning to "feeling Minnesota." Here now, my TV picks.



NHL Blackhawks vs. Calgary

7 p.m. *Versus*

Last time these teams met, the Hawks were cruising in the playoffs. I want to go to there.



MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

N.Y. Jets at Miami

7:30 p.m. *ESPN*

Gotta say, I still miss seeing Thomas Jones in a Bears jersey. Forte's OK, but Tom's the bomb.



» Tiger Woods had a perfect week, and the Americans stayed unbeaten at home in the Presidents Cup. Woods delivered the clinching point Sunday with a 6-and-5 victory over Y.E. Yang, who beat him in the PGA Championship.

L.A. ANGELS 7, BOSTON 6

Vladimir Guerrero hit a two-out, two-run single off Jonathan Papelbon in the ninth inning and the Angels rallied past Boston 7-6 in Game 3 Sunday, advancing to the AL championship series for the first time since 2005.

- » ALDS GAME 3: N.Y. Yankees 4, Minnesota 1
- » NLDS GAME 3: Colorado vs. Philadelphia, late

"It hasn't really sunk in yet. In '07 there was a lot of satisfaction in getting that one done. And now to come back from where we were a year ago, I think that's what makes it sweeter." —New IndyCar champion Dario Franchitti on Sunday after his title win on Saturday night

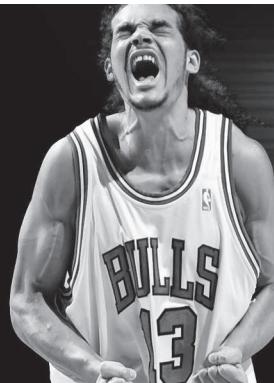
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Fright bites

Need to pick up some Halloween treats? Cupcakes to the rescue!

By Lisa Balde

When throwing a Halloween party, the only decision more important than what you're wearing is what you're putting on the table. Find a cupcake for your party's personality—from scary to squeaky-clean fun—at one of these five bakeries.

Phoebe's Cupcakes

3327 N. Broadway. 773-868-4000

Cakes: Coordinate your party attire with one of eight rotating "cupcakes in costume" at Phoebe Walters' Lakeview shop, from the Chicken (below), topped with lemon frosting and shredded coconut, to the Brain, red velvet cake with cream cheese frosting shaped into "grey matter." Feeling a little more earnest about the holiday? Choose from six candy-inspired flavors, including grape bubble gum, watermelon Jolly Rancher and Snickers bar.

Order: Candy flavors available Oct. 20-25; costumed cakes available Oct. 26-31 (\$2.50 each; \$27.50 for a dozen). Call two hours ahead of pickup to order a dozen of one flavor; for more than a dozen, 24-hour notice is required.



Phoebe Walters and Kate McNamara at Phoebe's Cupcakes
JASON LITTLE FOR METROMIX

The Cupcake Counter

229 W. Madison St. 312-422-0800

Cakes: Cool weather and fall flavors influenced co-owner Holly Sjo's seasonal cupcakes at this new Loop sweet shop where flavors include pumpkin pie, ginger-cardamom-pear, gingerbread and black forest made with dark chocolate-cherry cake and kirsch-spiked frosting. Want to bring a little something extra to the party? Hand-dipped taffy apples, apple tart slices (\$2.75) and pumpkin-stamped chocolates (\$1-\$1.75 each) also are on hand through the month.

Ordering: One or two of these rotating cupcake flavors (\$3 each; \$6 for a flight of three shorties) will be available daily through Thanksgiving. Call 24 hours in advance to order a dozen or 48 hours for more than a dozen and special orders.

The Cupcake Gallery

1319 W. Wilson Ave. 773-537-5633

Cakes: This Uptown cupcake shop has its sights set on an Oct. 25 grand opening, when owner Darius Williams will unleash a lineup of lighthearted Halloween cupcakes along with his other fun cupcake creations. Pick your poison from four varieties: eyeballs (double chocolate cake, white chocolate frosting and "blood" piping), pumpkins (orange cake with chocolate jack-o'-lantern cutouts), spiders (red velvet cake, cream cheese frosting and a drawn-on spider) and an in-the-works ghost cupcake.

Order: Halloween cupcakes (\$2.50 each, \$33 for a dozen) available Oct. 25-31. Call or order at cupcakegallery.com 24 hours in advance for orders of a dozen or more.

Bleeding Heart Bakery

1955 W. Belmont Ave. 773-327-6934

Cakes: From Day of the Dead-themed layer cakes to ghostly petit fours, this Roscoe Village organic bakery with plans for a New Loop location (108 N. State St.) has long been known for spooky sweets. This year is no different thanks to vanilla and chocolate cupcakes decorated with spiders and eyeballs, plus fall-minded cupcakes such as spiced apple and pumpkin spice with ganache. Other popular holiday treats include sugar skulls (\$6), chocolate skull lollipops (\$2), chocolate rats (\$4) and a large chocolate "bag o' bones" (\$18).

Order: Stop by the bakery now until Oct. 31 for a dozen or fewer Halloween cupcakes (\$3.25 each); call 48 hours in advance for orders of more than 12 and all custom orders.

Bake

2246 W. North Ave. 773-384-7655

Cakes: Fall classics with a twist frame owner Jennifer Kane's first batch of Halloween cupcakes in her coming-soon Bucktown bakery, aiming to open this week. Five rotating flavors include spiced chocolate with chocolate-cinnamon ganache, apple with candy apple filling ("anything with apples makes me happy!" she says) and Oreo with marshmallow frosting, which Kane's been perfecting for years.

Order: Just because Bake isn't open doesn't mean Kane's not baking. Call 24 hours in advance for orders of seasonal cupcakes (\$3 each).

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best bets

By Rebecca Palmore
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Birthday deals

mon 12 Old Oak Tap, 2109 W. Chicago Ave. 773-772-0406

Say "Cheers!" to the 1-year-old West Town spot with different cheap eats through Saturday. On Monday, get a \$10 combo of fish 'n' chips with a can of Guinness. 11 a.m.

Taste of Mexico City

Zocalo, 358 W. Ontario St. 312-302-9977

Wine and dine your mate (or sub in a \$5 margarita) with a three-course dinner for two (\$30 per couple). Choices include cheese-and-potato taquitos and pan-fried ribeye. 5 p.m. Through Thursday.

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'Made in China'

AMC River East, 322 E. Illinois St.

See Judi Krant's comic directorial debut, screening as part of the Chicago International Film Festival, about a Texas inventor hoping for big sales of his novelty product in China. 4 p.m. \$5.

Cooking class

Stretch Run, 544 N. La Salle St. 312-644-4477

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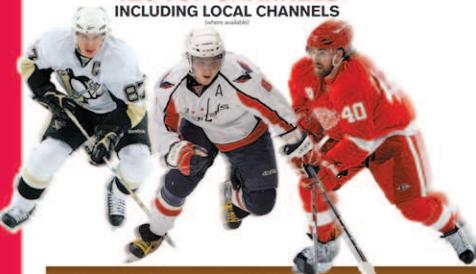
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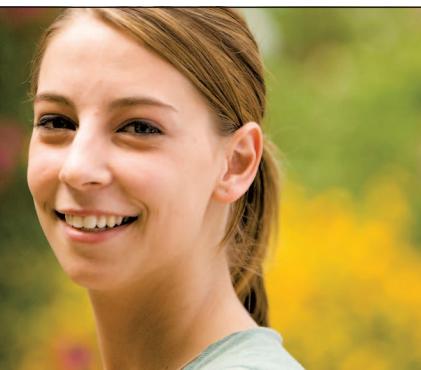
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Fashion force

By Joanna Gustafson
FOR REDEYE

What started out as a little online magazine in October 2006, **whowhatwear.com** has now become a fashion insider phenomenon.

The success, however, doesn't come as a shock to the site's founders, Hillary Kerr and Katherine Power.

"We always hoped it would turn into something like this and we feel very blessed," Power told RedEye. "It just started out as a newsletter and online magazine but we always wanted to expand the brand."

The former Elle magazine editors stopped Oct. 1 at the Cynthia Rowley store, 1653 N. Damen Ave., to sign copies of their new book, "Who What Wear: Celebrity and Runway Style for Real Life."

The book tackles style trends, discussing how people can discover their personal style and how to dress for your body type. The best part of the book breaks down sticky style problems and supplies the ideal outfit for several types of events, such as what you should wear to a high school reunion or to meet your mate's parents.

"That was created for girls who maybe live alone or live with their boyfriends and don't have another girl's opinion on what works," Power said. "She can just run to the book."

The idea for **whowhatwear.com** came about a few years ago when the women noticed how fashion magazines were struggling or even folding due to the economic crunch, but celebrity tabloids still were successful. They saw a niche for a celebrity-driven fashion site without the gossip.

"We cared about the of-the-moment pictures," Kerr said, explaining that readers may see a photo of a celebrity wearing an outfit and want to know immediately what designer or store created the piece.

Normally that kind of information can take months to reach the public in magazines such as Elle or Vogue.

"We are marrying celebrity and runway culture," Kerr said, "and making it more accessible to people."

Power said the women wanted to make celebrity and designer fashion more relatable to regular women by getting rid of "the crazy runway hair and styling."

"Celebrities drive trends and can be very influential and have relationships with designers, but that's not for everyone," Power said. "We wanted to make it more achievable [for everyday women]."

The blogging team, who has been praised by the likes of celebs Lauren Conrad and Rachel Bilson, has big plans for the future. They are adding new features to the Web site, but that's not all.

"More books, definitely," Power said, "and also a major TV show."

Who What Wear ladies tell all



WhoWhatWear.com founders Hillary Kerr (center) and Katherine Power (right). **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE**

WHO, WHAT, WEAR CHICAGO-STYLE

Hillary Kerr and Katherine Power, the founders of WhoWhatWear.com, offer some fashion advice. J.G.

5 FALL MUST-HAVES

- 1. A chunky choker.** "Make sure it rests on the collarbone and has stones, pearls or mixed metals," Kerr says.
- 2. Red lips with a pale face.** "I call it a French face!" Kerr says. They recommend Maybelline lipstick in Are You Ready? as a flattering shade for all skin tones.
- 3. Strong shoulders.** "The 80s reference was all over the runway," Power says. "This look is great because it emphasizes a narrow waist."
- 4. Thigh-high boots.** "This could veer into 'Pretty Woman' territory," Kerr warns, "so do more of a legging boot and less of a wader look. This can also be very elongating for your leg."
- 5. Long-sleeve mini-dress.** "Perfect for fall!" Power says. "It's the next generation of the body-con bandage look but it gives more coverage."



Steve Madden Pattern boot

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WINTER FASHION MUSTS

A faux fur vest: "It used to be hard to find one, but there are so many right now," Power says. "It will keep you warm but it's also extra chic."

Leather: "Whether it's a shirt, gloves or a vest, layering will keep you warmer," says Kerr, adding that leather leggings are the best way to incorporate the look.

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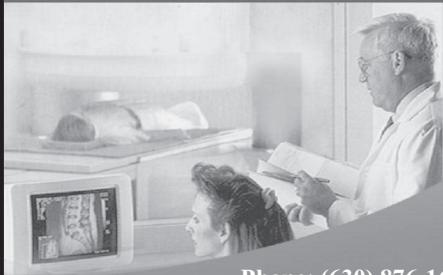
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Scorpio

Oct. 24-Nov. 21

You're in the mood to play house with your partner, thanks to domestic Saturn. This might not be the smartest move if your boyfriend still is in the midst of a divorce or your girlfriend still is paying off major college loans. Be practical.



Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You'll lose yourself in laughter this week as Mars boosts the humor quotient. You'll enjoy sharing sexy banter with someone gorgeous at a party or networking event. You'll flirt with clients on the phone and charm your neighbors with your warm wit.



Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You've been doing a lot of thinking about the old days. You're comparing past relationships to your current situation. You might even be wondering if your college boyfriend or girlfriend wants to connect on Facebook. Pluto says proceed carefully.



Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Jupiter marches ahead in your sign this week after spending months in retrograde. Stalled projects or relationships that were put on hold suddenly will move forward. If you and a certain someone had a missed connection months ago, try hooking up again.



Pisces

Feb. 19-March 20

Don't let petty annoyances explode into a monster fight. A moon opposition is draining your energy, so you might not have much patience. Try to laugh it off if your honey does something really inappropriate or bizarre.



Aries

March 21-April 19

Venus is moving opposite your sign, making you feel droopy about your love life. You're worried that you've

developed a permanent case of cooties since the opposite sex is running from you right now. Hang tight for another three weeks.



Taurus

April 20-May 20

You've always been clear about what you want in the bedroom, but Saturn is making you extra demanding right now. If your partner doesn't do things perfectly, you might threaten to run off with the hunky pizza delivery boy or cute receptionist at your office.



Gemini

May 21-June 21

You've been dealing with a lot of pent-up sexual angst and frustration. As Jupiter goes direct this week, you'll seek release wherever you can find it. Just don't pick up a guy who is totally bad news or a girl whose shoe size is bigger than her IQ. It probably won't work out.



Cancer

June 22-July 22

Sometimes you can be overly bonded with your partners.

You tend to get joined at the hip after you've started seeing someone. The sun is encouraging you to play it cool. Don't be so needy. Dependency isn't a sexy quality.



Leo

July 23-Aug. 22

Mars moves into your sign this week, increasing your confidence and charisma. You could be juggling multiple dates and lots of different sensual proposals. Before you make a major move, take your time to get to know these interesting people.



Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

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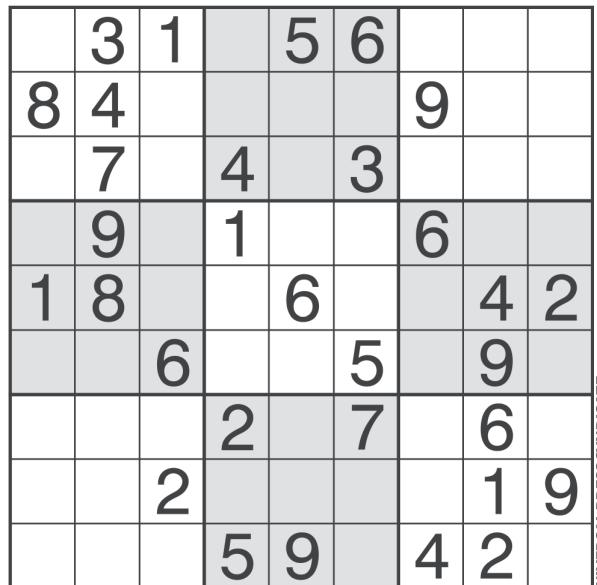
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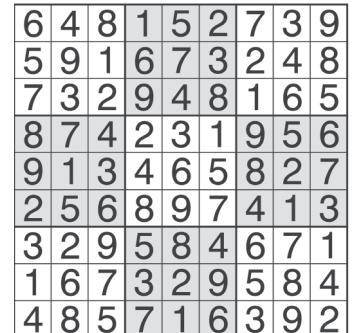
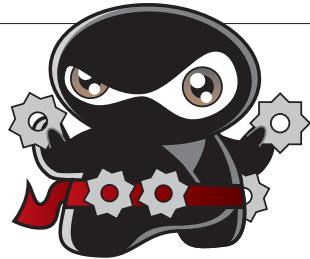
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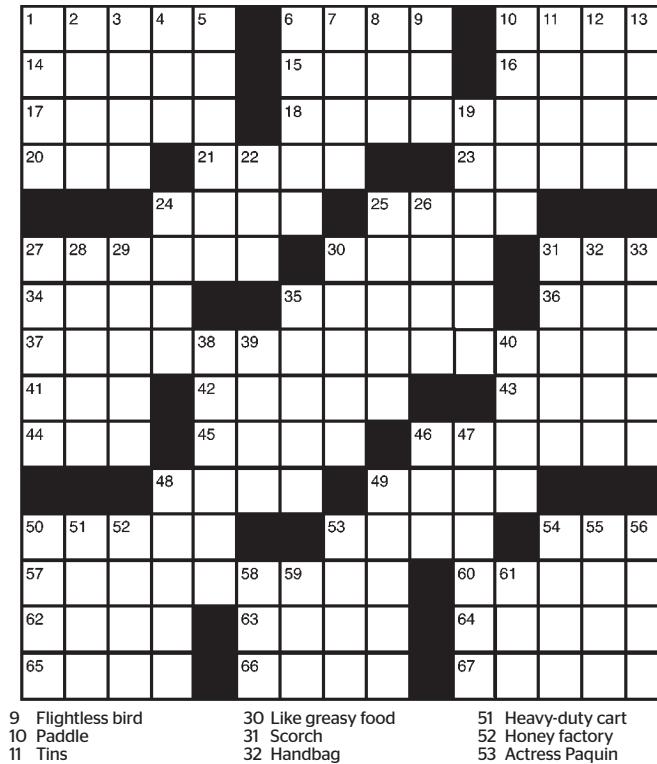
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- Relinquish
- Con game
- See eye to eye
- Actor Sandler
- Window glass
- Disney dog
- Young woman entering the social scene
- Retina's place
- Dawn, for short
- Map in a map
- Out of danger
- Pastel shade
- Feel bitter about
- Provide financing for
- Whirlpool
- Sign over a door
- Social blunder
- Mongrel dog
- Not evasive
- Before
- Castle surroundings
- Too
- Light brown
- Small horse
- Livestock feed
- "If I __ Hammer"
- Word after duct or masking
- Committee type
- Hospital worker
- Colony insect
- Getting angry and defensive
- Nile or Amazon
- Roof overhang
- Undesirable spots
- Stood
- Coloring liquids
- Smokey or Yogi
- Rationality

DOWN

- Stare openmouthed
- Unsightly
- Tried-and-__
- Ready, __ go!
- Petty officer
- Trained group
- Paradise
- Small amount
- Flightless bird
- Paddle
- Tins
- Feed the kitty
- Encounter
- Kindling wood
- Frequently, to a poet
- __ goal; have aspirations
- Cream __ round pastries
- Facts & figures
- Change the alarm clock
- Additional
- Loud warning
- Like greasy food
- Scorch
- Handbag
- Zeal
- African nation
- Significant effect
- Beneficial
- Get one's feet wet
- Passing craze
- "La Boheme" and "Aida"
- Rubber tubes
- Striped feline
- Not up yet



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TOP IN HIP HOP



Tameka Cottle reads a letter from T.I. during the BET Hip Hop Awards. Cottle accepted the "Album of the Year" award for T.I. since he is still locked up in an Arkansas jail. **GETTY IMAGES**

The buzz around the BET Hip Hop Awards, taped Saturday in Atlanta, centered around Kanye West and whether the noted award-show interrupter would show his face.

He didn't.

Even though West was up for a leading nine awards, he passed on the opportunity to attend the first award show after his embarrassing appearance at last month's MTV Video Music Awards.

Luckily though, Snoop Dogg, Ludacris, Gucci Mane and Soulja Boy all were on hand to perform at the event, which was hosted by "Next Friday" star Mike Epps. BET will air the show at 7 p.m. Oct. 27.

Can't wait? Word's out on who won a few of the top awards, including T.I., who won "Album of the Year" for "Paper Trail." Since he is still locked up in an Arkansas jail on federal weapons charges, E! reports his fiance, Tameka Cottle, accepted it and read a letter on the rapper's behalf.

- » **Album of the Year:** T.I., "Paper Trail"
- » **Best Collaboration:** "Live Your Life," T.I. and Rihanna
- » **Rookie of the Year:** Drake
- » **DJ of the Year:** DJ AM
- » **MVP of the Year:** Jay-Z
- » **I Am Hip-Hop Icon Award:** Ice Cube

"Although I'm not there with you all, I'm there in spirit," Cottle read. "My road to redemption is almost over Thanks for the support."

Jay-Z took home the generic-sounding MVP of the Year award for his overall awesomeness and dedicated it to his pals Snoop Dogg, Ice Cube and Mr. Magic.

"Brooklyn, we did it again," he said.

You'll have to wait to hear how many awards Kanye won (or didn't), and who won this year's two new categories: the Made-You-Look Award (for hip hop style) and Best Hip Hop Blog. In the meantime, here's the winners we do know, according to reports. **ARIEL ALEXOVICH, REDEYE**





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SIGHTINGS ...

» Robert De Niro dined at Spiaggia on Monday evening after filming scenes for "Little Fockers." » Dennis Rodman rocked out to the Musikmeisters band at Stanley's on Thursday night.

» John Legend partied at RiNo on Friday night. » Nicollette Sheridan dined at Sunda on Saturday night with a group of friends. » Jessica Alba dined at HUB51 last Sunday.

MORE ONLINE

For more, check out Liz's blog at thesebootsaremadeforstalkings.com.

What was up with Vince in Chicago?



Vaughn

a huge movie star in your hometown at the official premiere party to promote your new movie—dissing the very fans who have helped you make your millions is just not cool.

Absolutely Uma

Uma Thurman accepted a Career Achievement Award on Thursday night at AMC River East 21 theater for the opening night of the Chicago International Film Festival, where her new movie, "Motherhood," premiered. Thurman brought the laughs both on and off screen. There were a few awkward moments at the presentation. First, Thurman got up to accept her award before film festival founder, Michael Kutza, even announced it. Awkward moment No. 2 happened when the award went missing and Kutza had to call for staff to find it.

Taylor in town

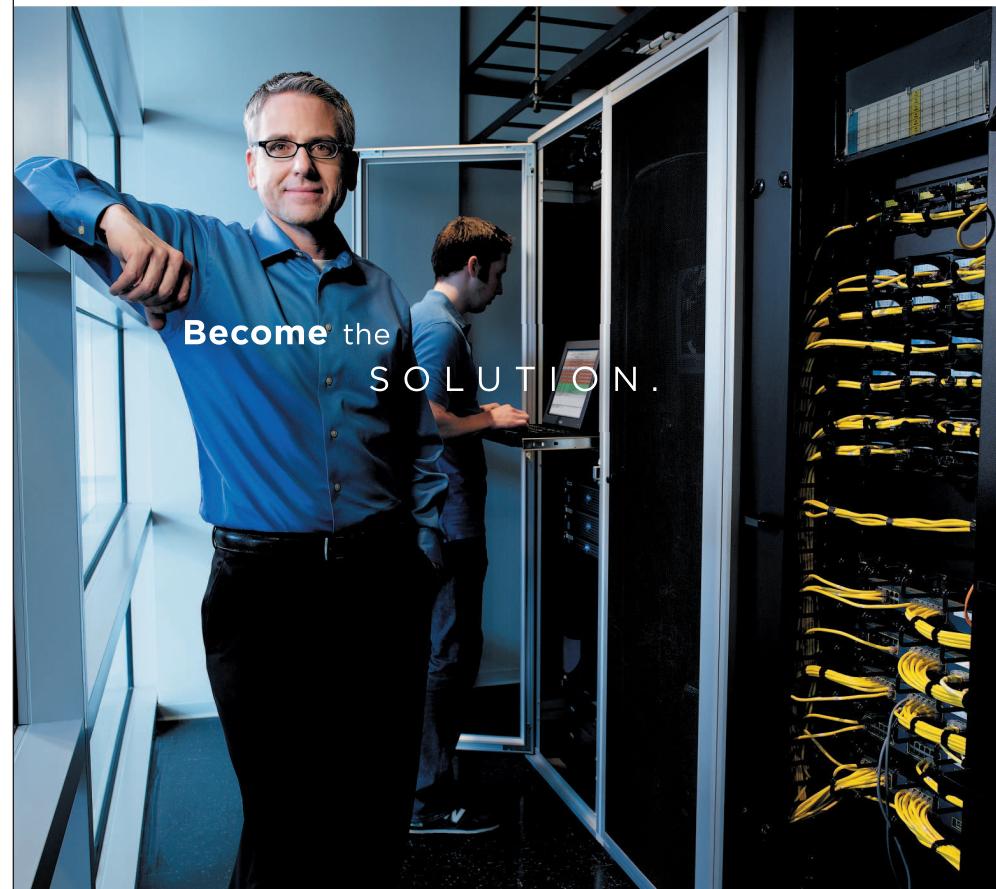
Taylor Swift's tour brought her to Kanye West's turf over the weekend. The singer hung out at Le Passage on Friday night and although Kanye was invited to attend, he couldn't make it, but his DJ Timbuck2 did. Swift didn't seem to hold any hard feelings toward Kanye and rocked out to many of his songs.

Vince Vaughn premiered his new flick, "Couples Retreat," on Tuesday night at the AMC River East 21 theater and headed to Cuvee after the screening for the official after-party sponsored by Michigan Avenue magazine.

Sources tell me Vaughn refused to take pictures with many of his fans at the party. Um, really Vince?

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The news comes on the heels of David Letterman admitting to having had affairs with female staff members, one of which led to an alleged extortion plot.

The Kimmel-McNearney relationship has been going on several months, according to sources cited by the magazines. Kimmel, 41, and longtime girlfriend Sarah Silverman broke up in March.



Jimmy Kimmel
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All in the family

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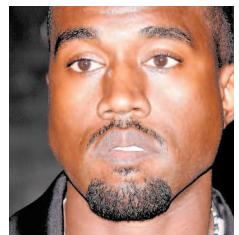
courtship before their engagement, which they announced near season's end. "I knew about it by episode two," he tells the mag.

Song leaks from Jackson doc

This is it. Seriously. A sneak peek of a song on the upcoming Michael Jackson music documentary "This Is It" is scheduled to be unveiled Monday on michaeljackson.com. The film hits theaters for a two-week run Oct. 28, and the new song reportedly plays during the closing credits.



T.I.



West

The best of the best

What do T.I. and Kanye West have in common? Neither of them were at the BET Hip-Hop Awards, which taped Saturday in Atlanta. For a rundown of the show's highlights and lowlights—and a sneak peek at some of the winners from the broadcast set to air Oct. 27—check out Whoville on **Page 30**.



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